Revival of IEDC

1112. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has replaced the Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) scheme with new scheme *viz.* Inclusive Education of the Disabled of the Secondary Stage (IEDSS) and stopped giving grants *w.e.f.* 1 April, 2009 for the IEDC;

(b) whether Government is aware that this will lead to non-coverage of many disabled children as the new scheme IEDSS covers courses of only age group 14-16 and not age group 6-18, which was covered under the IEDC;

(c) whether the closure of IEDC will do a gross injustice to substantial number of deserving disabled children; and

(d) whether Government will consider revival of the IEDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) covering disabled children from the age group of 6-18 years has been replaced with a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS). Assistance is being provided under IEDSS from 1st April, 2009

(b) and (c) The Scheme "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" provides for the inclusive education of disabled children at the elementary level (6-14 years). IEDSS is meant to cater to the disabled children for their schooling at the secondary stage (classes IX to XII) in an inclusive and enabling environment.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Vacant posts in Central Universities

†1113. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of the lecturers sanctioned for the universities and colleges of the country and the number of the posts lying vacant out of these;

(b) the vacancies of posts in the Central Universities, Subject-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the shortage of lecturers is the reason for the decline in Higher Education in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government has formulated any plan to fill these vacancies at the earliest?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.